GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Special Deputy Collector (LA),Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District – Disciplinary Proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charge - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.197 **Dated:07.02.2020**

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Special Deputy Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 for not processing and keeping the bill of Smt Gujju Veeramma under Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme pending for more than one year.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct / misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-III &IV).

3. Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Special Deputy Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit- 1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari Districtis is directed to submit, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Special Deputy Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit- 1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari Districtis is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Special Deputy Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Special Deputy Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Special Deputy Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.USHA RANI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Special Deputy Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District **through** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada (with a request to furnish served copy of this G.O.).
The District Collector, West Godavari.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. DANGETI PUSHPA MANI, SPL. DY. COLLECTOR (LA), POLAVARAM IRRIGATION PROJECT UNIT-1, TADIPUDI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME (TLIS), NALLAJERLA AND CHINTALAPUDI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME, KOVVURU, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT.

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That Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani joined Government Service in Revenue Department as Deputy Tahsildar on 18.07.1996. She worked at Pithapuram, Samalkot and Collectorate of East Godavari District. Later, she got promoted as Tahsildar on 21-07-2002 and worked at Malkipuram, Karapa, Mandapeta and Collectorate of East Godavari District and further promoted as Dy. Collector on 01-02-2014 and worked as District Minority Welfare Officer, Krishna District, Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsapuram Division, West Godavari District and Special Deputy Collector, Tribal Welfare, Polavaram. While she was working as Special Deputy Collector, Tribal Welfare Polavaram she was given Full Additional Charge for the posts of Special Deputy Collector, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS) at Nallajerla from 23-02-2016 and Special Deputy Collector, Polavaram Irrigation Project, Right Main Canal Unit-II, Kovvur from 21-07-2016. While functioning as Spl. Dy. Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1 and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District she has committed grave misconduct in as much as:

That Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Spl. Dy. Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District willfully kept pending the compensation award bill of Smt. Gujju Veeramma for more than one year which shows her deliberate delay in disposal of the work assigned and thereby violated Rule 3-B(b) of APCS (conduct) Rules 1964.

Thus Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Spl. Dy. Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District by her above mentioned act, has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of service and thereby contravened Rule 3(1)&(2) of APCS (conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. DANGETI PUSHPA MANI, SPL. DY. COLLECTOR (LA), POLAVARAM IRRIGATION PROJECT UNIT-1, TADIPUDI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME (TLIS), NALLAJERLA AND CHINTALAPUDI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME, KOVVURU, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT.

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Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani is a native of Tallarevu of East Godavari District. Her date of birth is 12.05.1970. She entered into Government Service in Revenue Department as Deputy Tahsildar on 18.07.1996. She worked at Pithapuram, Samalkot and Collectorate of East Godavari District. Later, she got promoted as Tahsildar on 21-07-2002 and worked at Malkipuram, Karapa, Mandapeta and Collectorate of East Godavari District and further promoted as Dy. Collector on 01-02-2014 and worked as District Minority Welfare Officer, Krishna District, Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsapuram Division, West Godavari District and Special Deputy Collector, Tribal Welfare, Polavaram. While she was working as Special Deputy Collector, Tribal Welfare Polavaram she was given Full Additional Charge for he posts of Special Deputy Collector, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS) at Nallajerla from 23-02-2016 and Special Deputy Collector, Polavaram Irrigation Project, Right Main Canal Unit-II, Kovvur from 21-07-2016. She is drawing a basic pay of Rs.63,010/-. She is due to retire from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2030. She is here-in after referred to as Government Servant (GS).

That on credible information that the Government Servant Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Spl. Dy. Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District has been collecting bribe / office formalities through Sri Manikonda Venkata Ramana Prasada Rao, Sr. Assistant, O/o. Spl. Deputy Collector, Polavaram Project, Left Main Canal Unit-I, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District and Sri Kakkirala Rama Rao @ Ramu, S/o. Late Venkateswara Rao, 45 years, Owner: Medical Shop and private financier, resident of D.No:1-49, Jeelugumilli (V) (M), West Godavari District from Sri Korsa Butchi Raju, son-in-law of Smt. Gujju Veeramma of Jillellaguudem Village, Jeelugumilli Mandal who lost the land under Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (CHLIS) and who should be getting compensation award in the form of cash of Rs.52,59,388/- for the land in an extent of Ac.5.68 cents (the total land acquired by the Govt. being Ac.8.18 cents and the remaining Ac.2.50 cents being awarded as land to land), a surprise check was conducted on the O/o.Spl. Deputy Collector, Polavaram Project, Left Main Canal Unit-I, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District on 16-05-2017 from 1445 hours to 2030 hours in the presence of mediators.

During the course of surprise check, an amount of Rs.3,00,000/- and copy of award in Jeelugumilli Mandal with the names and other details of land losers under Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme were found in the possession of Sri Manikonda Venkata Ramana Prasada Rao, Sr. Assistant which was received from Sri Korsa Butchi Raju. When enquired about the possession of money and document, he stated that on the instructions of Smt.Dangeti Pushpa Mani, SDC, he collected cash of Rs.3,00,000/- from Sri Korsa Butchi Raju, land loser.

Subsequently, searches were also conducted on the office of Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, SDC(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District on 16-05-2017 from 21.30 hours to 23.45 hours and concerned file in respect of Smt. Gujju Veeramma was seized.

Since prima facie evidence was available against Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, SDC(LA) and two others, a case of criminal misconduct in Cr. No:8/RCO-EWG/2017U/s.13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of P.C. Act, 1988 was registered in ACB, Eluru Range on 20-06-2017.

That the statement of Smt. Mahankali Kanaka Durga Devi, Office Superintendent, O/o. Special Deputy Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigaton Project Unit-I and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District discloses that on 05-05-2016, the compensation awarded to Smt. Gujju Veeramma was approved by the Special Deputy Collector. The award enquiry was done but till that day of surprise check, the bill of Smt. Gujju Veerama was not prepared. Smt. Gujju Veeramma and Sri Butchi Raju came to her office two to three times and met the Government Servant but, there were no instructions to prepare the award bill in respect of G. Veeramma from the Government Servant. On the other hand, the original relevant records were also not given to her. The Special Deputy Collector is the competent authority to issue orders for the award amount and the bill would be sent to Pay and Accounts office and thereafter, the award amount would be directly credited into the bank account of the concerned awardee. The bills would be prepared / processed only on the instructions of Special Deputy Collector and as there were no instructions in those cases, bills were not prepared.

That the statement of Sri Gopisetti Rama Rao, Spl. Dy. Tahsildar, O/o.SDC(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvur, West Godavari District discloses that the office at Kovvur was meant for both the schemes i.e. RMC Polavaram and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme. Land Acquisition was completed and award was also passed about one year before the date of surprise check. Generally, bills would be prepared basing on the instructions of Government Servant after obtaining the required information and securing the documents. Whoever coming to the office would be directed to meet the Government Servant for the redressal of their grievances. There was no litigation in respect of the awardee Smt. Gujju Veeramma of Jillellagudem Village of Jeelugumilli mandal to the best of his knowledge and that the award was passed about one year back and that he would prepare the award bills with the assistance of staff on the instructions of Government Servant and Superintendent.

That the statement of Sri A Srirama Chandra Murthy, Spl. Dy. Collector(LA), O/o. Special Collector, Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajahmundry discloses that for the construction of Chintalapudi Reservoir he prepared Form IX, General Draft Award for acquiring land of area Ac.53.21 cents of Jillellagudem Village and the same was approved by Spl. Collector(LA), Rajahmundry on 05-05-2016 vide Procgs. Ref. No. C1/331/2015. Further after approval of the Draft Award, bills can be presented to the concerned PAO for crediting the land compensation directly to the bank accounts of the land owners.

That the statement of Sri Bhanu Prasad, Special Collector(LA), Indira Sagar Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajahmundry discloses soon after award, there was no need to receive any document to submit the award bill to Pay and Accounts Office and that he instructed Government Servant several times. Particularly in the second week of May 2017 i.e. prior to the Surprise Check, he conducted a meeting and instructed Government Servant to submit all the pending bills to PAO without any delay. As per the rules under Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act Section 77 and 80 of Chapter X, payment had to be made.

That during the course of investigation, it was found that the compensation award was sanctioned to Smt. Gujju Veeramma in the form of cash of Rs.52,59,388/- to an extent of Ac.5.68 cents by the then Spl. Dy. Collector(LA) of CHLIS vide Procgs. Ref.No:C1/331/2015 dated 05-05-2016. Since then, the bill was not prepared and kept pending for more than one year as per the compensation award details which was recovered from the office of the Government Servant on the date of surprise check.

Hence, the Government Servant Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Spl. Dy. Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District willfully kept pendingthe compensation award bill of Smt. Gujju Veeramma for more than one year which shows her deliberate delay in disposal of the work assigned and thereby violated Rule 3-B(b) of APCS (conduct) Rules 1964.

Thus Smt. Dangeti Pushpa Mani, Spl. Dy. Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project Unit-1, Tadipudi Lift Irrigation Scheme (TLIS), Nallajerla and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District by her above mentioned act, has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of service and thereby contravened Rule 3(1)&(2) of APCS (conduct) Rules 1964.

Thus the Charged Government Servant has therefore rendered herself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. DANGETI PUSHPA MANI, SPL. DY. COLLECTOR (LA), POLAVARAM IRRIGATION PROJECT UNIT-1, TADIPUDI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME (TLIS), NALLAJERLA AND CHINTALAPUDI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME, KOVVURU, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Copy of FIR in Cr. No:8/RCO-EWG/2017 U/s.13(2) r/w 13(1)(c) of P.C.Act, 1988 of Eluru Range dated 20-06-2017
2. Copy of Surprise Check Mediators Report in 2/SC-EWG/2017 drafted at the office of Spl. Dy Collector (LA), Indira Sagar Polavaram Irrigation Project, Left Main Canal, Unit-1, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District on 16-05-2017
3. Copy of Surprise Check Mediators Report in 2/SC-EWG/2017 drafted at the office of Spl. Dy Collector (LA), Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District on 16-05-2017
4. Copy of statement of Land Acquisition Award of Jillellagudem (V), Jeelugumilli Mandal, West Godavari District
5. Copy of Compensation award details of Smt. Gujju Veeramma W/o. Late Venkateswara Rao of Jillellagudem Village, Jeelugumilli Mandal, West Godavari District containing 1 to 48 sheets
6. Copies of Sale Deed Agreements, Promissory Notes, Non Judiciary Stamp Papers, copies of Aadhaar Cards, Blank Non Judiciary Stamp paper containing signatures of Sri Korsa Butchi Raju and Sri Korsa Srinivasa Rao containing 79 sheets.
7. Copy of Copy of Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act Section 77 and 80 of Chapter X
8. Lr. Ref. No:A1/301/2017 dated 10-07-2018 of the Special Collector(LA), Indira Sagar Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajahmundry.
9. Any other documents produced at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. DANGETI PUSHPA MANI, SPL. DY. COLLECTOR (LA), POLAVARAM IRRIGATION PROJECT UNIT-1, TADIPUDI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME (TLIS), NALLAJERLA AND CHINTALAPUDI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME, KOVVURU, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Sri Korsa Butchi Raju S/o. Pentappa, 35 years, Cultivation r/o. Jillella Gudem Village, Jeelugumilli Mandal, West Godavari District
2. Sri Korsa Srinivasa Rao, S/o.Kollappa, 30 years, Cultivation r/o. Jillella Gudem Village, Jeelugumilli Mandal, West Godavari District
3. Sri Kunja Soma Raju S/o. Late Ganga Raju, 55 years, Tati Ramanna Gudem Village, Jeelugumilli Mandal, West Godavari District
4. Smt. Gujju Veeramma W/o. Late Venkateswara Rao r/o. Jillella Gudem Village, Jeelugumilli Mandal, West Godavari District
5. Smt. Dasi Kumari W/o.Late Mani Raju, 49 years, Superintendent, O/o.Spl. Dy. Collector, LMC Unit-1, Rajamahendravaram
6. Smt. Guttula Venkata Satya Vani W/o. Dommeti Ashok Kumar Age:48 years, Spl. Dy. Collector (LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project, LMC Unit-1, Rajahmundry.
7. Smt. Mahankali Kanaka Durga Devi W/o.Nageswara Rao, 55 years, Office Superintendent, O/o. Special Deputy Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigaton Project Unit-I and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District.
8. Sri Gopisetti Rama Rao S/o. Veerraju, 52 years, Spl. Dy. Tahsildar, O/o.SDC(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvur, West Godavari District.
9. Smt. Payam Sambrajyam, Sr. Assistant, O/o. Special Deputy Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigaton Project Unit-I and Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kovvuru, West Godavari District.
10. Sri Kosuri Madhu Kumar S/o. Chandra Rao, 31 years, r/o.D. No:1-44, Meraka Veedhi, Karapa Village and Mandal, East Godavari District.
11. Sri A Srirama Chandra Murthy, Spl. Dy. Collector(LA), O/o.Spl. Collector, Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajahmundry.
12. Sri Bhanu Prasad, Special Collector(LA), Indira Sagar Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajahmundry.
13. Any other witnesses they may be produced at the time of conducting enquiry.
14. Sri Routhu Jayaram Satish Babu S/o. Late Satyanarayana, 34 years, Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, Akiveedu Mandal, O/o. Proh. &Excise Office, Akiveedu r/o.Flat No:T1, Munshi Apartments, Muslim Street, Akiveedu Mandal, West Godavari District (Mediator)
15. Sri Pandari Ashok S/o. Late Venkateswara Rao, 37 years, Sub-Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o.Asst. Commissioner (Enforcement), Proh. & Excise Department, Eluru r/o. near SBI e-Corner, Ashok Nagar,Eluru (Mediator)
16. Sri V. Gopala Krishna, the then Dy. Supdt. of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Eluru Range, Eluru.
17. Sri U.J. Wilson, Inspector of Police, A.C.B., Eluru Range, Eluru.
18. Sri M. Sudhakara Rao, Dy. Supdt. Of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Eluru Range, Eluru.

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